

MINUTES

St. Patrick's School Parent Council Tuesday February 12, 2013

Present:

Lisa Sinclair	Diana Myers	Robin Wong	Lisa Zeidell
Melissa Dorton	Kelly Wilkenson	Sandra Richard	Corrie Zelantini
Peggy Johnston	Robin Seitz		

- 1.0 Call to Order 7:00pm**
- 2.0 Opening Prayer (Mr. Wilkinson)**
- 3.0 Approval of previous meeting minutes (Council)**
- 1st: Robin Wong
2nd: Robin Seitz
- 4.0 Open Issues (Council)**

a) Read-a-thon – what has been finalized/what still needs to be finalized

Kelly had talked to the teachers about getting the students to fill out spreadsheets without interrupting classes. This will be helpful in the students being responsible for their reading. A question was brought up about whether we need to have prizes. Suggestion made by Kelly that we could have activities in different places of the school for rewards (art, gym, movie, games, etc).

Read-a-thon will have a goal of one million words read and they would have six weeks to two months to read them.

Planning for the pledges to start in April continuing into May.

b) Gym Equipment

The rocks for the new equipment are backordered from China. As soon as the stock is in they will let Kelly know. (Four sets should be coming) The company can come in to demonstrate how to use the equipment or we can get a video that does the same thing.

5.0 New Business

(Mr. Wilkinson)

a) **Principal's Report**

- 1) Kurling Canada
 - backordered
- 2) Shrove Tuesday
 - lots of thanks for pancakes
 - learning on ways to improve for next year
 - talk about doing next year
- 3) Skate-a-thon
 - went very well raised about \$7000
 - class that won will have a dodgeball match in May?
- 4) Before and After School- Accreditation
 - the before and after school program will soon have an educational opponent to it.
- 5) Class Size Initiative
 - Gov't does not follow anymore, but it is still tracked
 - registration at St. Pat's school is good. We are a little above the average for K-3 and a little below average for 4-6
- 6) Parent Council Involvement
 - school is planning on putting out a "Did you know" column in the school newspaper and wanted to know if parent council wanted to be a part of it, maybe to explain what parent council does and how the fundraising money that is generously donated is put to use.
- 7) Science Fair-judges wanted
 - if you are interested please let Kelly know by March 8. The hours are from 9-3.
- 8) Mass-St. Patrick's Day-involvement
 - Mass at the church or at the school, possibly at night. Looking for some involvement from the students and parents to help out in which ever way they can.
- 9) Stations of the Cross
 - Grade 4 presentation-March 25th (doing a silhouette of the stations of the cross. Open to everyone-starts at 9:15
 - Whole school doing stations of the cross outside, Thursday Feb 28. Each classroom will have a chance to carry the cross through the stations.
- 10) Survey Monkey
 - Kelly showed PC the results of the survey (The survey indicated the percentage of likes and dislikes) the parents filled out about the photography company and the Christmas/Family fun night.

b) **Reflection Garden Space**

Robin brought up the question as to what we would like to do with the garden reflection spot where kids could go. There were many suggestions made for this spot, including a donation dedication, statue, what to put there. No definite decision has been made yet.

6.0 Next Meeting

March 12, 2013, 7pm - Music Room

7.0 Adjournment

8:24pm